

House Passes \$400,00 for Crime Lab and Programs for At-Risk Youth Secured by Slaughter

Rochester, NY - Congresswoman Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY-28), Chairwoman of the House Committee on Rules, today applauded the House passage of key funding that she requested for the Monroe County Crime Lab and the City of Rochester's after-school jobs program for at-risk youth.

"I am proud to announce that we are a step closer to funding these important local initiatives," said Rep. Slaughter. **"These critical federal dollars will go a long way to reduce backlog at the Monroe County Crime Lab and give a leg up to at-risk youth across the region."**

This funding is part of the Commerce, Justice, and Science appropriations bill, one of twelve federal appropriations bills. Rep. Slaughter secured \$200,000 for the Monroe County Crime Lab and \$200,000 for the City of Rochester' after-school jobs program for at-risk youth in the bill.

The Senate must now approve the appropriations bill before it can be signed into law by the President.

BACKGROUND

Rep. Slaughter secured \$200,000 in the appropriations bill for the Monroe County Crime Lab to support a Biology DNA Module. The current backlog in the DNA area is 4 ½ years. This

module is expected to reduce it to 30 days.

Rep. Slaughter previously secured \$925,000 for the new crime lab's Computer Forensics module.

Rep. Slaughter secured \$200,000 in the appropriations bill for the City of Rochester After-School Jobs Program for At-Risk Youth. This program will provide after-school job training and employment counseling for Rochester high school students. During the initial two-year pilot period, the program is expected to prepare 200 Rochester teenagers for employment, and place them in after-school jobs.

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